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Library Selected to Test Tech Benchmarks

Parmly Billings Library is one of 140 libraries selected from throughout the country to beta test technology benchmarks for libraries through the Edge Initiative. Sponsorship is provided by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, the International City/County Management Association, the Public Library Association and other library, government and educational partners.

The Initiative currently groups fourteen benchmarks with twenty-nine indicators under three strategy focus categories: Community Value, Engaging the Community & Decision Makers, and Organizational Management. The benchmarks will permit Parmly Billings Library to improve and evaluate technology service offerings for the community. The Edge Initiative builds on a survey of patrons the Library conducted in the fall of 2011 in which respondents answered questions related to in-library computer use.

Summer Reading Registration!

There's still time to enjoy the fun of Summer Reading!
Registration continues through Saturday, July 21, so
you have a chance at many of the great prizes still
available. There are wonderful programs for children
and teens during July, and check out story times and
programs out at The Community Library on the West
End, too! (See the schedule for Wednesday Story
Times and Thursday Programs on this newsletter's
calendar page.) Summer Reading is not just for kids,
either—adults have their own reading program and
can enter the drawing for a great e-reader grand prize!
Check our website for all the details. Join the fun this
summer—READ!

SUMMERFAIRI

An annual summertime tradition is coming up on *Saturday and Sunday, July 14–15*, and *we'll be there!* Say hello at our booth, browse through the books from the Friends, and learn about all the great new things going on at the Library. *See you at Veteran's Park!*

Parmly Billings Library NEWSLETTER—No. 55, July 2012



Dave Ward, Board Chair Shari Nault, Library Director Bill Cochran

Trustee Dave Ward Retires

of Parmly Billings Library

At its June meeting, the Library Board of Trustees recognized retiring Yellowstone County trustee **Dave Ward** for his ten years of service. *Thank you, Dave!*

REMINDER: Due to the ongoing construction at the Library, many of our programs are taking place at other locations around Billings. Please double check the location of the program you plan to attend.



June brought a flurry of activities for the Library Foundation with the Summer Reading Program kicking off summer events. The children's portion of the program provides an excellent opportunity for young readers to continue their reading skills during the summer months. Our sincere thanks to **Conoco Phillips**, in collaboration with the Library Foundation, in underwriting the Summer Reading List. This helpful guide, distributed to all students in Billings, provides reading recommendations for all reading levels and ages.

On June 7, another sellout **Food for Thought** was hosted by the
Foundation. Many thanks to **Cloud Peak Energy,** Event Sponsor, as well

as to the generous **Table Sponsors** who supported the event. And, we couldn't do it without our stimulating **Table Hosts.** Thank you, everyone!

On June 28, several hundred people came to the building site for the new building's official **Groundbreaking** kick-off. Collaboration, cooperation and commitment from hundreds of people made this day possible. **Thank you!**

The Foundation is continuing its efforts to raise additional funds for enhancements to the new building. We are grateful to everyone for your continued support. For more information about the Foundation, contact **Leslie Modrow,** Foundation Director, at 237–6149 or *leslie@billingslibraryfoundation.org*.

With construction underway for the new Library, plans for the Friends' adjustment to new quarters are underway, too. Having almost an entire floor for our work and books will no longer be possible, but as Friends' president **Mona Harris** put it, "A lot can be done in a smaller space. It's a matter of organization."

Seeking ideas, several members traveled to Bozeman recently to meet with that town's Friends organization and see first-hand how it operates (and quite successfully!) with a space and agenda similar to what we will have. According to Billings Friend Nancy Traeger, the Bozeman visit offered many "ideas we can build on."

Since the next first Wednesday is July 4th, there will be no book sale. However, you'll

find a large selection of attractively-priced children's books and adult paperbacks under the tent we share with the Library at Summerfair. As always, the Book Nook, under the stairs in the Billings Library, presents a variety of offerings. This month, we focus on American history, "Christmas in July" and relaxing summer reading.

Several new volunteers have joined us on Wednesday mornings to sort and shelve donations. Their helpfulness and friendliness are appreciated by all. If you are interested in volunteering, please call 237–6170. We would love to have you join us!

"Man is a bird without wings and a bird is a man without sorrows." ~Louis de Bernieres Birds without Wings

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TUESDAYS: DIGITAL PHOTO SERIES

Please pre-register by calling 657-8258. All classes are on Tuesday, 11:00am, in the 2nd Floor Computer Classroom.

Monday

- July 10: "Vacation Shots," Trish Casey, TKC Photography
 July 17: "More from you Digital Camera," Sarah Williams
- July 24: Photo Editing with Microsoft Office Picture Manager
- July 31: Photo Sharing Websites

Sunday

Summer Reading PROGRAMS KIDS ONLY: ROCKET ACTIVITY

Rocket Activity is for ages 3 to 5th grade (ages 8 and under must be accompanied by an adult). Pre-registration required, call 657-8256 or stop by the Children's Desk. All participants need to bring a clean 2-liter plastic bottle.

Sessions are 11am–Noon OR 2–3pm, Friday, July 6, Central Park.

FAMILIES: THE DANCE GUY

Mark Matthews: the Dance Guy is a program sponsored by Humanities Montana. There is a \$1 per person fee for a tour of Moss Mansion following the program.

Come at 11am, Thursday, July 12, lawn of Moss Mansion.

DISCUSSION: BOOK IT WITH A BUDDY

Attention all 4th-6th graders (with an adult)! We're reading Mysterious Benedict Society by Trenton Lee Stewart. Sign up at Children's Services, 657–8256, for your free book.

The discussion is *Thursday*, *July 12*, *7pm*, on the 3rd Floor.

KIDS ONLY: WATER SAFETY CLASS

For ages 5 to 5th grade. Pre-registration required, call 657–8256 or stop by the Children's Desk.

Class is at 11am, Friday, July 13, Oasis Pool.

FAMILIES: ZOOMONTANA AT THE YAM

Join us at 10:30am, Thursday, July 19, at the Visible Vault behind the Yellowstone Art Museum.

FAMILIES: PRIZE PICK-UP & OPEN HOUSE

The End of Summer Reading Prize Pick-Up begins Thursday, July 26, 11:00am, on the 1st Floor of the Library. Join Kameron Messmer for Balloon Fun, 11am-1pm.

TEENS ONLY:

Tuesday

Pre-registration required at the Reference Desk or call 657–8258.

Thursday

Ghost Hunting with **Karen Stevens** is 2–4pm, Saturday, July 7, 3rd Floor of the Library.

Suzanne Collins' Hunger Games book discussion is 4–5pm, Thursday, July 19, Good Earth Market upstairs. (We have 10 free books.)

ADULTS: HAUNTED MONTANA

Wednesday

Karen Stevens, author of Haunted Montana and More **Haunted Montana**, discusses the bars, hotels, restaurants and other public places hosting the most ghosts around the state. Join her at 7pm, Tuesday, July 10, on the 3rd Floor.

ADULTS: GOOD BOOKS FOR CO-OP COOKS

Mary Drew gives a 'book talk' about the best cookbooks for GEM's local, fresh ingredients, herbs, spices and whole grains.

Come 1–2pm, Wednesday, July 11, to the Good Earth Market.

ADULTS: READING CIRCLE

We'll talk about the books we've been reading. Just bring yourself, a friend and some of your favorite books to share.

Join her 1–2pm, Wednesday, July 18, Good Earth Market.

at the Community Library

We're partnering again with the **Huntington Learning Center.**

Join us for Story Times on Wednesdays, July 11, 18, 25 and Aug. 1, 2:00pm.

Programs are on Thursdays, 2:00pm.

- July 12~ Monsters: with Patrick Wilson, Venture Theatre
- July 19~PJ Party: watch Alladin in your jammies
- July 26~ **ZooMontana:** owls and other nocturnal animals
- August 2~Astronomy: with the Yellowstone Valley Astronomers Club

Get the latest Bookmobile Calendar! Download July's schedule on our website.

www.billings.lib.mt.us

Library Hours

Saturday

Monday-Thursday 10am-9pm Friday 10am-6pm Saturday 10am-5pm Sunday Closed

Helpful Information

Phone numbers ~

Friday

Hours: 657-8259 Bookmobile: 657-3091 Reference: 657-8258 Senior/Homebound: 657-8255 TDD/TTY: 657-3079 Children's: 657-8256 Foundation: 237-6149 Friends of the Library: 237–6170

Webpage ~www.billings.lib.mt.us

Email ∼ refdesk@ci.billings.mt.us

Story Time Programs ~

Story Time with Carina! Mondays, 12:30-1pm

Story Time Tales

Tuesdays, 10:30-11am (3–6 year olds & parent/caregiver)

Tales & Tots Story Time Wednesdays, 10:30-11am (2-3 year olds & parent/caregiver)

Story Time Tales

Thursdays, 10:30-11am (3-6 year olds & parent/caregiver)

Books & Babies Lap-Sit Thursdays, 3:15-4pm Fridays, 10:15-11am (babies & parent/caregiver)

Saturday Story Time Saturdays, 11-11:30am

Video Programs ~

Movies @ the Library Fridays, 10:30-11am